## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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In order to achieve the object, a first aspect of the invention is directed to a recording apparatus comprising a medium fixing member for fixing, onto a surface, a recording medium including a toner sheet having a toner layer and an image receiving sheet having an image receiving layer and serving to receive the toner layer transferred from the toner sheet, and removing means for removing the toner sheet or the image receiving sheet from the medium fixing member, wherein the removing means has a removing claw, the removing claw having a rectangular cross section with a height reduced toward a tip and both ends of an upper side of the rectangle being rounded or chambered.

Furthermore, a second aspect of the invention is directed to the recording apparatus, wherein the removing claw has the rounded or chamfered portion with a radius of curvature of $r = 1$ [mm] or more and an upper face of the tip with a face pressure of 10 [KPa] or less.

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Moreover, a fourth aspect of the invention is directed to a removing claw for removing a toner sheet or an image receiving sheet from a medium fixing member, wherein a cross section has a rectangle with a height reduced toward a tip and both ends of an upper side of the rectangle are rounded or chamfered.

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Moreover, [[an]] a fifth aspect of the invention is directed to the removing claw according to the sixth aspect, wherein the rounded or chamfered portion has a radius of curvature of r = 1 [mm] or more and an upper face of the tip has a face pressure of 1 [KPa] or less.

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Furthermore, [[an]] a seventh aspect of the invention is directed to a recording method in the recording apparatus according to the first to fifth aspects, comprising the steps of fixing the image receiving sheet onto the medium fixing member, fixing the toner sheet onto the image receiving sheet, and removing the toner sheet or the image receiving sheet from the medium fixing member.

In the recording apparatus and method and the removing claw to be used for the apparatus according to the first, second, [[,]] fourth, fifth and seventh aspects of the invention, the removing means for removing the toner sheet or image receiving sheet fixed to the medium fixing member has the removing claw in which the cross section has a rectangle with a height reduced toward a tip and both ends of an upper side of the rectangle are rounded or chamfered with a radius of curvature. Moreover, the removing claw has such a shape that a face pressure is 10 [KPa] or less and a radius of curvature of the rounded or chamfered portion is r = 1 [mm] or less. Consequently, when the toner sheet is to be removed and delivered in the removing means, the material thereof is neither rubbed nor shaved by the surface of the removing claw and is not shaved by both ends of the upper side of the removing claw even if the toner sheet comes in contact with the removing claw. As a result, a great image can be obtained without generating an image defect on a finished image.

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Figs. 4(A)-4(E) are to ~~showthe~~ show the sectional views showing a removing mechanism in the color image recording apparatus of Figs. 2 and 3,

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In some cases, moreover, the laminate section may be provided ~~removely~~ remotely from the recording apparatus.

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The recording apparatus according to the embodiment comprises the removing claw 164 having a rectangular cross section with a height reduced toward a tip and having both ends of an upper side of the rectangle which are rounded or chamfered. Moreover, a width W1 in a cross direction of the removing claw 164 is greater than the width W of the removing claw 64 according to the conventional example shown in Fig. 7 and a contact area of a toner sheet 11 with the removing claw 164 is large.

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As shown in Fig. 1, the removing claw 164 according to the embodiment has a rectangle having the width W1 in the cross direction of 5 [mm] and the cross section with a height reduced toward the tip, and both ends of the upper side of the rectangle are rounded or chamfered to have a chamfered portion with a radius of curvature of r = 1 [mm]. Consequently, the removing claw 164 according to the embodiment has

a larger contact area with the toner sheet 11 than that of the removing claw 64 according to the conventional example. Therefore, a face pressure is reduced.

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At this time, the removing claw 164 according to the embodiment delivers the toner sheet 11 together with the metal plate guide 65. However, since the removing claw 164 has a greater width in a cross direction than the width of the removing claw 64 according to the conventional example, a contact area of the toner sheet 11 with the removing claw 64 is large so that a face pressure of the removing claw 64 against the toner sheet 11 is reduced. Accordingly, the toner sheet 11 is neither rubbed nor shaved even if it comes in contact with the removing claw 164. Moreover, the removing claw 164 according to the embodiment has both ends of the upper side of the rectangle rounded or chamfered with a radius of curvature of r = 1 [mm]. Therefore, it is possible to prevent a material of the toner sheet 11 from being shaved by a corner of the removing claw 164.

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In the first embodiment, thus, the removing claw 164 has a rectangle having the width W1 in the cross direction of 5 [mm] and a cross section with a height reduced toward a tip, and both ends of the upper side of the rectangle are rounded or chamfered to have a chambered portion with a radius of curvature of r = 1 [mm]. Consequently, a contact area with the toner sheet 11 is increased and the face pressure of a contact surface thereof is reduced. Accordingly, when the toner sheet 11 is to be removed and delivered in the removing mechanism 42, the toner sheet 11 can be delivered without the material thereof rubbed and shaved by the surface of the removing claw 164 and shaved by both ends of the upper side of the removing claw 164 even if the toner sheet 11 comes in contact with the removing claw 164. As a result, an image defect can be prevented from being generated on a finished image due to the shavings of the toner sheet 11 sticking onto the image receiving sheet 10 or the recording drum 34. Thus, a great image can be obtained.

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While the removing claw 164 having the width W1 of 5 [mm] and the rounded or chamfered portion with a radius of curvature of r = 1 [mm] has been used in the embodiment, the same effects can be obtained if a contact surface has such a width as to set a face pressure of 1 [KPa] or less and the rounded or chamfered portion has a radius of curvature of r = 1 [mm] or more, which will be described below.

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As shown in the Table 1, in the case in which the face pressure was 1 [KPa] or less (a width in a cross direction was 5 [mm] or more) and both ends of the upper side of a rectangle were rounded or chamfered with a radius of curvature of r = 1 [mm], the toner sheet did not generate shavings even if it comes in contact with the removing claw and the state of the finished image was also good. Accordingly, it could be confirmed that the toner sheet is not damaged by the removing claw so that the shavings of the toner sheet do not stick onto the recording drum or the image receiving sheet, resulting in no influence such as an image defect on a finished image.